

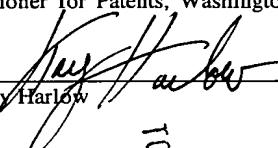
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:) Attorney Docket No: LAM2P216
Smith et al.) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No: 09/747,660) Group Art Unit: 1746
Filed: December 22, 2000) Date: March 12, 2001
For: WAFER BACKSIDE PLATE FOR USE IN A)
SPIN, RINSE, AND DRY MODULE AND METHODS)
FOR MAKING AND IMPLEMENTING THE SAME)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Signed: 
Kay Harlow

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE	OR	LARGE ENTITY RATE FEE
TOTAL						
CLAIMS	<u>30</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>00</u>	X09 = \$	OR X18 = \$
INDEP						
CLAIMS	<u>07</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>07</u>	<u>00</u>	X39 = \$	OR X78 = \$
[] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$130		\$260
			TOTAL	\$		\$

Applicant(s) hereby petition for a _____ month(s) extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0805.

Enclosed is our Check No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.

If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P216). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 8, please add the following paragraph: